PROTECTION

in the previous year. Thirteen persons were sentenced to transportation for life. Of the 3,755 persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 3,395 were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 360 (504) for longer periods. The number of persons fined was 34,050 (34,040). The total amount of fines imposed and realised was Rs. 4,38,511 and Rs. 3,32,177 respectively. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 1,126 (Rs. 1978).

(vii) Civil Justice.

132. The number of Civil Courts in the State other than Village Courts was 44, the same as in the previous year.

133. The total number of both original and small cause suits instituted was 19,351 (23,280) excluding refiled and remanded suits. The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 203 (207). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts it was 500 (643), in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 11,940 (14,384). On the Small Cause side, the number instituted in the District Court, Civil Station, Bangalore was 389 (412). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 3,413 (3,899) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 2,906 (3,735).

Miscellaneous Cases.

134. The total number of miscellaneous cases filed was 5,252 (6,181) and the number disposed of was 4,996 (6,080).

Appellate Work.

135. The number of regular appeals instituted was 2,386 (2,559) and the number disposed of was 1,511 (1,780). The number of appeals pending at the end of the year was 1,510 (1,377). There were 421 (438) miscellaneous appeals for disposal. Of these, 285 were disposed of leaving 136 (109) pending at the end of the year. The average duration was 126·7 days against 115·8 days in the previous year.

High Court.

136. The number of first appeals filed during the year was 186 (239). Including 313 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 499 (438). The number disposed of was 141 (125). The number of second appeals filed was 528 (676) including ten re-filed. The total number of second appeals for disposal was 1,358 (1,258), of which 385 (428) were disposed of. The number

of Miscellaneous appeals for disposal was 113 (125), of which 66 (95) were disposed of, leaving 47 pending at the end of the year.

137. There were 310 Civil Revision petitions pending at the beginning of the year. Four hundred and forty-three Civil Revision Petitions were filed. 420 (411) were disposed of leaving 325 (310) pending at the end of the year.

Insolvency Proceedings.

138. The number of insolvency applications for disposal during the year was 174 (203). The number disposed of was 104 (121), leaving a pendency of 70 (82) at the end of the year. The amount realised was Rs. 19,830 (Rs. 38,321), and the amount distributed to the creditors was Rs. 19,970 (Rs. 29,833).

Execution of Decrees.

139. The total number of execution applications filed was 21,870 (26,153). The total number disposed of was 21,492 (26,948), leaving a pendency of 10,245 (9,867) at the end of the year. The number of cases pending over a year was 408 (388). The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 19,80,063 (Rs. 24,31,212).

Legal Practitioners.

140. The number of advocates enrolled during the year was 27 (53). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 893, of whom 11 were from Madras Presidency and one from Bombay Presidency. The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,008 (979), including those who had yet to renew their certificates. The number of pleaders newly enrolled was 29 and 10 pleaders were enrolled as advocates.

Finance.

141. The total receipts and expenditure of the Courts for the year, including the High Court amounted to Rs. 14,47,125 (Rs. 14,14,697) and Rs. 11,88,111 (Rs. 16,04,139) respectively.

(viii) Prisons.

142. The Central Jail at Bangalore and the Jail at Mysore worked satisfactorily.

143. At the beginning of the year, there remained in the jails 2,346 prisoners of all classes ; 11,583 were admitted during the year, 12,634 were discharged and 1,295 remained at the close of the year.

144. Of the 2,660 convicts directly admitted, 2,593 were men and 67 women. Of these, 1,900 were Hindus, 484 Muslims and 276 were Christians.